

Docket No. 194264US-2DIV

IN RE APPLICATION OF: HIROSHI SHINRIKI ET AL.

SERIAL NO: 09/617,254

FILED: JULY 14, 2000

FOR: FILM FORMING APPARATUS AND METHOD, AND FILM MODIFYING APPARATUS AND METHOD



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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment (w/ Marked-Up Copy) in the above-identified application.

- ☐ No additional fee is required
- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
- ☒ Additional documents filed herewith: Marked-Up Copy, Application Data Sheet

The Fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS	CLAIMS REMAINING		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID	NO. EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	CALCULATIONS
TOTAL	29	MINUS	20	9	× \$18 =	\$162.00
INDEPENDENT	3	MINUS	3	0	× \$84 =	\$0.00
		<input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS			+ \$280 =	\$0.00
		TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS				\$0.00
		<input type="checkbox"/> Reduction by 50% for filing by Small Entity				\$0.00
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		TOTAL				\$162.00

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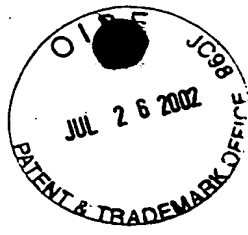


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AMENDMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated April 26, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

*Please amend the claims as shown in the Attachment, in which underlining and bracketing show the changes introduced into the previously-pending claims to arrive at the clean claims provided below:*

*Cancel Claims 42-56 without prejudice or disclaimer.*

57. (New) A method of modifying a metal oxide film formed on a surface of a target process object, the method comprising:

loading the target process object including the metal oxide film formed thereon into a process vessel;

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